

# Shorne Parish Council

— Borough of Gravesham —



## THE PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

**February 2022**

### **Shorne Common**

As reported in the December issue, the Parish Council is arranging to cut back the self-seeded trees, bushes, and general vegetation around the perimeter of Shorne Common where it has encroached onto the green over the years. This will include the removal of one large limb which is in contact with the ground, and trimming back the canopy over the children's play equipment. Gravesham Borough Council has approved the work, which is expected to be carried out before the Spring. Balfour Beatty has also applied for approval to cut back branches overhanging the parking area, as part of their remedial works for the parking area.

### **Speed Limits**

KCC Highways has agreed to extend the 30 mph speed limit in Forge Lane down to Shorne Crossroads. This will be carried out as part of a larger scheme which will see the speed limit in Gravesend Road reduced to 40 mph between Higham and Crown Lane, with further speed limit reductions in Rochester Road between Lion Garage and east of Thong Lane.

KCC Highways has also provisionally agreed to our request for a 20 mph zone in the centre of Shorne village, subject to design approval and public consultation.

In addition, KCC Highways has now installed "Slow" markings, a 30 mph roundel, and "dragon's teeth" markings on the road surface at the entry to the 30 mph speed limit in The Ridgeway, along with the restoration of centre white lines and cat's eyes.

### **Crutches Lane and Crabbles Bottom**

Representatives of Shorne Parish Council and Higham Parish Council met with Police officers in Crutches Lane, Higham, to discuss actions to discourage indecent and anti-social activity in this area. Whilst Crutches Lane is in Higham where we have no powers, we will be looking at measures to discourage these activities in neighbouring Crabbles Bottom. The Police have stepped up patrols and visibility in the area.

### **HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is scheduled to take place over an extended Bank Holiday weekend from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, and the Parish Council is considering how we might mark the event in Shorne. If you have any thoughts on what we should do, or would like to be involved, please let us know at [enquiries@shorneparishcouncil.org](mailto:enquiries@shorneparishcouncil.org).

## **New Noticeboard**

We are pleased to report that we have installed a new noticeboard at Chestnut Corner, to replace the old one which was suffering from decay. Members of the local community are welcome to use our noticeboards to publicise charitable and non-profit-making events, activities, and services in the local area, provided they do not obscure official notices. They must be attached with drawing pins, and removed when no longer applicable.

## **Annual Parish Assembly – a new date for your diary**

The date for this year's annual Parish Assembly has been brought forward by one day and will now be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, from 7.30pm in the small hall at Shorne Village Hall. This is your opportunity to hear reports on the Parish Council's activities over the past year, as well as hear news from the main clubs and organisations in the village, and to ask questions and let us know your views. Residents are strongly encouraged to attend and take part.

## **Parish Council Meetings in February**

The meetings scheduled for February are:

- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February        -        Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February       -        Parish Council Meeting

The meetings will commence at 7.45pm in the Committee Room at Shorne Village Hall. Please note that from 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022, all meetings will commence at 7.30pm.

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Precautions**

Although the restrictions are being relaxed, the level of COVID-19 infections is still high, and all eligible residents are strongly urged to have their vaccines and booster jabs. Residents are encouraged to continue to take sensible precautions, and to stay up to date with the latest information published at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and the government guidance published at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

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